

Tools For Action

An inventory of nutrition and physical activity interventions in Wisconsin

Program Name

Polk County Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

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Program Information

Type of Program
Health Dept
Year Coalition was Formed
2003
Primary program focus
Both Physical Activity & Nutrition
Region
Western
County
Polk
Coalition Web Site Address

Program Information

Represented Groups on Coalition	Represented Professions on Coalition
Business	Business
Community	Citizen Rep
Government	Dietitian
Health Care	Educator
Health Dept	Exercise Specialist
Schools	Nurse
WIC	Physician
Other	Other



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Intervention Name

School Board presentation regarding "Creating a Wellness Committee and Policy for Your School"

Intervention Information

Type of Intervention:
Physical Activity & Nutrition Policy
Focus Area:
General Physical Activity & Nutrition
Intervention Site or Setting:
School
Scope of Intervention:
County
Target Audience:
All races and genders
Ages 5-11. 12-19
Total Population in Area Served:
7250
Number of Participants:
7250
Implementation Status:
Ongoing

Partners:

CESA #11 and DPI Workshop - "What's Right for Kids - Improving the School Nutrition Environment"

Unique Funding:

Evaluation:

Units Provided/Service data – monthly Impact on Behavior Health Data and direct observation – One-

time Survey annually

Evidence-Based or Best Practice based on www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/

Products Developed or Materials Used:

Successful School Programs" This handout was created to give ideas to schools and describes other local schools' success stories. PowerPoint presentation entitled "Creating a Wellness Committee and Policy for Your School

Intervention Description:

School boards are being encouraged to establish a School Health Advisory Council that would be responsible for creating the Local School Wellness Policy that is now mandated. We have used a county-wide school vending survey to measure the effect of our efforts. If an organized committee, that includes parents, students, school staff, administrators and board members, creates a wellness policy together within each school district, we hope to see improved vending and competitive food options county-wide.



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Intervention Name

Walking Workshop

Intervention Information

Type of Intervention:
Physical Activity - Environment
Focus Area:
Biking/walking
Intervention Site or Setting:
Community
Scope of Intervention:
County
Target Audience:
All races, genders and ages
Total Population in Area Served:
41,000
Number of Participants:
20-25
Implementation Status:
One-time

Partners:

Wisconsin Walks Friends of the LOG Greenway - group of community members concerned about trails in Polk County

Unique Funding:

Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Mini-Grant

Evaluation:

Evidence-Based or Best Practice based on

Products Developed or Materials Used:

Intervention Description:

We are in the process of organizing a Walking Workshop through Wisconsin Walks. The goal is to bring together key community members and make a plan to get polk county citizens using out trails and sidewalks more. This may involve policy and environmental changes depending on the results of the workshop. We have also created a resource brochure that outlines physical activity opportunities in polk county.